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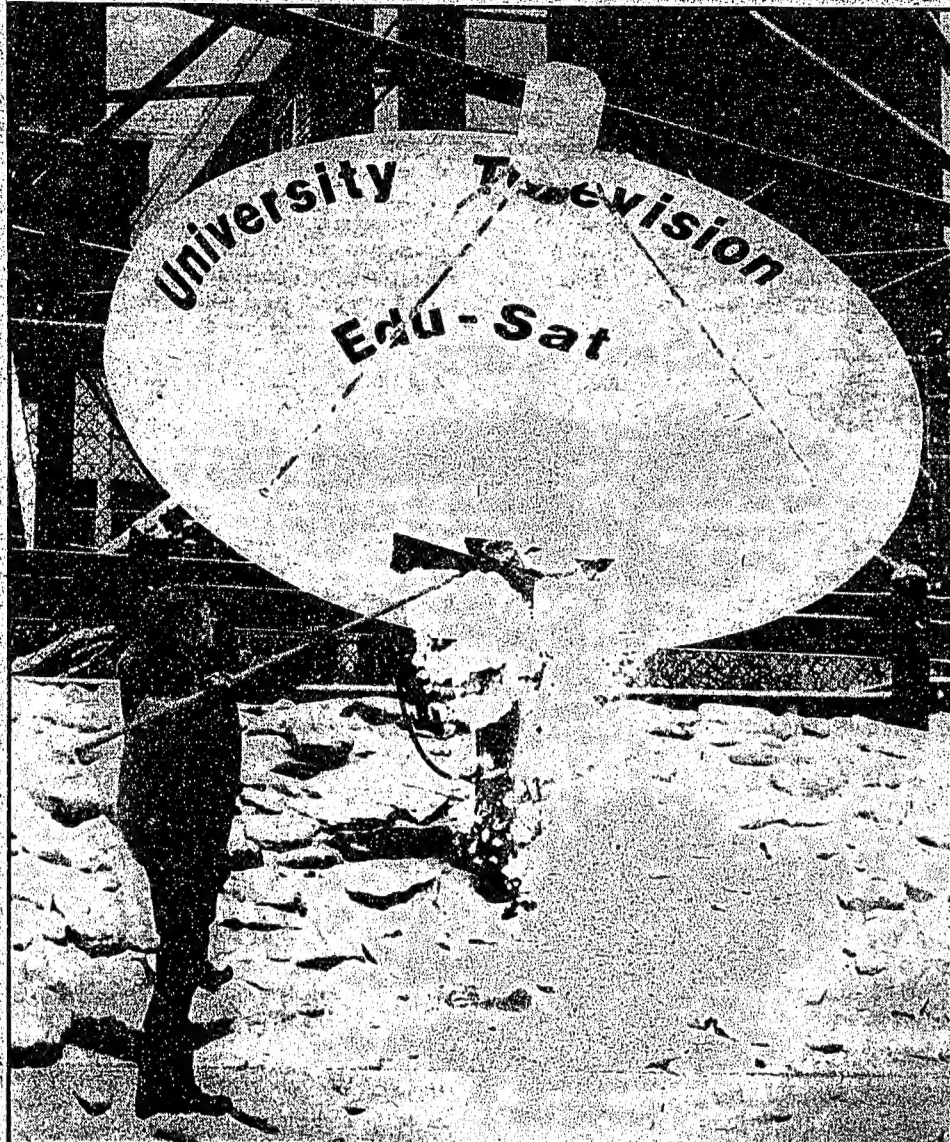
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### Dishing it out

University Television Engineer Howard Kjeldgaard spent Wednesday scooping out this satellite dish, located at the southwest corner of the Engineering Building.

—Jared Olson

## Policy book aids decisions

A recently released book by a team of 14 UNO and University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty is now in the hands of Nebraska lawmakers and business leaders.

The book, "Nebraska Policy Choices: 1987," is a compilation of eight research projects and offers new insight into current issues that have, or will have, an impact on Nebraska.

Tim Fitzgerald, assistant director of University Relations, said the book's goal is to propose policies for issues affecting the state and to increase understanding of those issues.

"Its purpose is to help those people in Nebraska who make decisions so we can be a service to them," Fitzgerald said.

While an effort was made to identify current issues facing Nebraskans, much attention was focused on identifying

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—Tim Fitzgerald

emerging issues — issues that are not on the public agenda for decision making. Russell Smith, director of the Center for Applied Urban Research (CAUR), wrote in the book's preface.

This is the second year the report has been published, Fitzgerald said. Planning for the book began 15 months ago. Work on next year's book has already started, he added.

A copy of the book was given to state senators and members of both the chancellor's and NU President Ronald Roskens' advisory councils, Fitzgerald said. The councils are made up of business leaders. The book is also being sold, Fitzgerald said.

"Unlike the topics examined in the first volume," Smith wrote, "this year's chapters cannot easily be categorized. This diversity reflects the immense range of policy issues confronting Nebraskans."

The book's chapters deal with trends in Nebraska's settlements, the capacity for economic development in the state's small towns, issues facing community banks, financing public schools, the macroeconomics of Nebraska's competitiveness in world agricultural markets, groundwater quality, juveniles and the Nebraska jail system and the Nebraska Unicameral.

## 'Culture shock' limits American Indian enrollment

By TIM TRUDELL  
Senior Reporter

This is the second installment of a series dealing with minority recruitment at UNO.

Culture shock accounts for the small number of American Indians enrolled at UNO, said Terri Dameron, president of American Indians United (AIU).

There are 35 American Indians enrolled at UNO this year, Dameron said. The main reason for the low number is that Indians have had a hard time adjusting to a city the size of Omaha, as well as a large college campus, she said.

"It's a culture shock to come here from reservations and have to deal with the large city and at the same time adjust to college life," she said.

AIU was organized to help Indians adjust to college life by giving them a support program and offering financial aid and academic assistance, Dameron said.

Dameron took over as AIU's president last summer and found she did not have any members.

"There wasn't anything going on for Indian students," she said. "There hadn't been any real activity in seven years."

Dameron sought to change that. One of the first things she did was organize a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, which consisted of predominately Indian food.

The dinner was a success, according to Dameron. About 80 people from UNO and Omaha attended the dinner.

AIU, in cooperation with the United Minority Students (UMS), sponsored a clothes drive for residents of the Pine Ridge (S.D.) Indian reservation, Dameron said.

"I thought it went well," she said. "I took about 60 garbage bags full of clothes up there."

Her efforts to increase the association's

membership have paid off, Dameron said. There are currently five members, and interest among non-members has increased, she said.

Dameron's management of AIU has drawn accolades from others at UNO.

"Terri's done a great job with AIU," said Wayne Houston, UNO minority student recruiter and unofficial adviser to UMS.

"Terri's an example of people wanting to change things on campus," Houston said.

While AIU has increased its membership and activities this year, there are other areas to work on, Dameron said.

Pride is essential to the survival of the American Indian, and Dameron said it doesn't exist among many of the people.

"I think my job is to try and instill pride among the young children," Dameron said. "It's not only my job, but the job of every Indian."

"There must be more role models for the younger people to follow. Right now, there aren't many, and it hurts us."

The solution to the lack of pride among younger Indians is education, she said.

"Right now there are 17 Indians in the 12th grade in Omaha schools, and the question is not where will they go to college, but will they finish high school?" Dameron said.

Education is essential in developing role models for Indians, Houston said.

"They have a high drop out rate," he said. "We must stress education as the key to improvement. There must be more graduates going on to college and professional positions."

Dameron said once the education problem is solved, there will be role models for the younger people to look up to.

"Role models are important," she said. "We must be able to show kids a person and say 'He's a lawyer, and he's an Indian.'"

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## Not a cheap date

Rent-A-Gent offers UNO students, faculty to highest female bidders

By JERI STUDDT  
Staff Reporter

Valentine's Day fast approaches, and many would-be lovers undoubtedly wonder how to find the Prince Charming or Cinderella of their dreams.

A total of 52 would-be Prince Charmings gathered at Holiday Inn Thursday to be auctioned off, along with their pre-planned date packages, to more than 300 hopeful Cinderellas.

The occasion was the Rent-A-Gent Auction, a benefit for the Midlands Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Bids for the bachelors ranged from \$50 to \$1,500, and prospects ran the gamut from UNO students to former Nebraska

**"I didn't want a kid. Older men are worth more. They're trained."**

—Lesli Brice

Governor Bob Kerrey.

Kerrey wasn't actually there. Although auctioned in absentia, Kerrey copped \$1,500 — the evening's highest bid.

Most bids hovered around the \$275 range, with some going for much more and some for less.

One of the more modestly priced Prince Charmings, UNO broadcasting instructor Frank Humphreys, went for \$225.

"And worth every dollar," Humphreys said. His rental date, Lesli Brice, apparently agreed.

"I didn't want a kid," she said. "Older men are worth more. They're trained."

"I'd like to add experienced," said Humphreys.

Humphreys' date package involved dinner at the Omaha Press Club and a "rock" concert. Humphreys and Brice had not yet decided what concert, although groups under discussion included Whitesnake, Aerosmith and Ted Nugent.

When asked what brought him to the auction block, Humphreys said, "Dr. Mary Williamson recruited me, and I just decided it would be fun. I'm liking it so far."

Another UNO rental date, finance major Ray Kyle, decided

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—Jeri Studdt

UNO broadcasting instructor Frank Humphreys, left, was 'bought' for \$225 ("And worth every dollar," he boasted) by marketing representative Lesli Brice at the Multiple Sclerosis Rent-A-Gent Auction Thursday.



# Comment

*Peaceful solution could heal wounds of past conflicts*

## Congress at a standstill in Nicaraguan-aid issue

Feb. 3, Congress reviewed the question of Nicaragua in deciding if it should renew aid to the counter-revolutionary force (the contras) of that country. And again, the United States has gone nowhere on the conflict.

Can the United States do anything to totally solve the problems in Nicaragua without a military commitment? Let's forget the ideologic arguments for a moment, you know the ones like the Domino Theory, the Rights of Revolution and so on.

The problems between Nicaragua and the United States are not new. They are more than 100 years old; they include invasions, occupations and dictatorships.

The first of these began back in the 1850s when a soldier of fortune named William Walker took over Nicaragua for a few years. He was later overthrown by a combined native force and army of mercenaries.

From 1912 to 1925, the U.S. Marines occupied this country to retain power to the reigning oligarchy. They were called back in 1926 to put down a peasant rebellion led by Augusto Sandino. The marines stayed until 1933 when the United States set up the Somoza Dynasty.

The Somozas ruled (backed by United States arms and dollars) until 1979 when they were kicked out by the Sandinistas. This ended the rule of one of the most vicious dictatorships in the Western Hemisphere.

This was the rule of Anastasio Somoza Debayle. His regime (1967-1979) was one of marked corruption and brutality.

In such events as the earthquake that hit Nicaragua in 1972, Somoza hoarded relief funds, leaving thousands to die.

Through his reign, he was financed by U.S. dollars and armed by U.S. weapons. When Sandinistas ousted him in 1979, he had fled the country with an estimated \$500 million.

This left the country drained financially. On top of this, the war to remove Somoza cost the lives of 500,000 Nicaraguans.

To add onto the hardship in the country, then President Jimmy Carter imposed sanctions on the country because it backed a policy of socialism.

Since then, President Ronald Reagan has strengthened economic pressures. He also started funding military actions such as the CIA activities and the Nicaraguan contras.

This forced the Sandinistas to do two things. One was to ask for arms from the Soviet Union and other Eastern Bloc countries.

The other was to increase the Nicaraguan army's size from 24,000 to more than 50,000 troops. At this time, it's the largest national army in Central America.

This leads to the question of a proper solution to the problems

Use of contras eliminate the need for a military commitment and leave the United States less apt to receive criticism. But there is a severe problem with our policy.

Again, let's leave out the claims of brutality, the slush funds or the ideologic arguments.

In *Reagan Versus the Sandinistas*, the national and world outrage over such actions shows that the United States cannot set double standards for ourselves.

In such cases, the United States condemns the Iranians in 1987 for mining the Persian gulf while at the same time allowing the CIA to mine Nicaraguan ports in 1984.

This double standard has set the United States at a disadvantage. It's hard to implement solid policy (both home and abroad) when rules apply to one area and are broken in another.

Plus, there's also the problem of being held to future commitment. We found in the past that if the United States gets too involved, the results can be hazardous.

That leaves advocating a peaceful solution. The United States must stop wrestling with investing in paramilitary groups and start investing in peace.

This would involve backing the Arias Peace plan to the letter and allowing more responsibility to Central American countries.

Safeguarding stability would rely on two things. One would be the self-interest of the countries involved. That would be taken care of by the peace plan.

The other would be in faith of our military and our Central American allies. If aggression would spill over the Nicaraguan borders, we should be reassured that it can be repelled.

A peaceful solution would show the region that it is able to stand on its own and raise the integrity of the United States around the world.

It could also heal the wounds of past conflicts between the United States and Nicaragua.

### Steve Chase

Gateway Columnist

in Central America. There are three paths the United States could follow: a full scale invasion of Nicaragua, the continuation of covert activities, or calling for peace.

The book *On Trial: Reagan's War Against Nicaragua* (1985) estimates that if the United States ever did decide to invade Nicaragua, it would take an initial involvement of 60,000 to 100,000 troops.

Again, let's put ideologic conflicts aside. The costs of such a commitment would be incredible, not to mention national and world-wide unrest.

The use of covert actions such as CIA tactics and military groups are extremely effective. Anti-government actions can be delivered with swiftness and secrecy.

## Orr's plans to restrict pickle cards 'hypocritical'

### Hypocrite:

"One who pretends to be what he (she) is not or to have principles or beliefs that he (she) does not have."

— "Websters Dictionary"

Last month, Gov. Kay Orr announced plans to restrict pickle card sales. According to Gov. Orr, the pickle card industry has gotten out of hand, with Nebraskans spending \$85 per person on the cards.

Pickle parlors have sprouted up across the state.

"A system fraught with abuse," as Gov. Orr calls it, has allowed these travesties to occur:

- \$1.5 million in unaccounted profits at one local church charity.

- \$699,000 diverted to consultants by four charitable organizations.

- \$100,000 embezzled by one organization official.

Apparently Gov. Orr and her buddies at the

### John Rood

Gateway Columnist

state tax commission have decided to do something about it. So what's the harm, you ask? Obviously the system is corrupt and needs changing, right?

Wrong?

What Gov. Orr is doing is admitting her administration's inability to enforce current laws. Rather than spend time on enforcement at the state level with her people, Gov. Orr has decided to wipe out a fledgling industry through over-taxation and governmental restrictions. It doesn't sound like the conservative republican ConAgra has grown to know and love.

The UNO athletic department stands to lose at least \$50,000 a year from pickle card sales if Gov. Orr's measure passes through the Legislature. And it will probably pass. Remember, it was the Legislature that cut into the UNO budget a few years back, making the cuts necessary in the first place.

What Gov. Orr and her staff have decided is that pickle cards should be outlawed. Why don't

they come out and say it? That's where the hypocrite part comes in.

Pickle cards are a form of gambling. But what distinguishes pickles from horse racing at Aksarben, or anywhere else in the state? Is she really to believe there is no corruption in any other organized gambling operation in the state? What's the difference?

Gov. Orr and her staff have decided to pick on a group of disorganized entrepreneurs trying to do a good deed and make an honest buck. Maybe Nebraskans do spend too much on pickles, but they also spend too much at the track. If you're going to preach the evils of gambling, come out in the open and tell the whole story.

Until then, enforce the laws already on the books.

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# News Briefs

## Beck Scholarship

Applications for the Paul Beck Scholarships will be accepted until Feb. 15. Two scholarships are available — a \$500 grant for a full-time student, and a \$250 grant for an undergraduate student. UNO faculty established the scholarship in 1976 in memory of long-time history Professor Paul Beck.

Students applying for the award must have a GPA of at least 3.0, senior status and cannot receive other scholarships during the year the scholarship is received. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office, 554-2327. Faculty, administration and staff will raise additional money for the scholarship fund Wednesday in the Student Center.

## Impotents' Anonymous

Impotents' Anonymous (IA) will meet for the first time Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Grissom Conference Room of the Med Center. A support group for partners of impotent men will also meet at this time. Impotency is the inability to achieve and maintain an erection. The Med Center said 1 out of every 10 American men suffers from chronic impotence, and estimates up to 20,000 men in the Omaha area may have this problem.

## Essay competition

Full-time students are invited to submit essays in the sixth annual Futurist Awards Competition. Honeywell Corporation will award \$3,000 each to 10 winners from across the country. Entrants are asked to predict technology advances they foresee by the year 2013. The deadline for entries is March 18.

## Scholarships

Three \$250 Pi Delta Gamma scholarships are available for female graduate students. Applications are available from the Graduate Studies Office in the Epley Administration Building. The deadline for submission is March 31.

## Survival courses

Courses to improve note-taking and exam preparation will be offered Feb. 25 and March 3 at the Peter Kiewit Conference

Center. Each session is \$15. For more information call 554-8309.

## Graduate students

Graduate students planning to graduate in May should apply for their degrees by March 4. For more information call the Graduate Studies office at 554-2341.

## Financial Aid Forms

February is the best month to apply for financial aid, J. Phillip Shreyes, director of Financial Aid, said. Applying by March 1 increases the type and amount of aid students are eligible for, he said.

The Educational Planning Center (EPC) provides free assistance to students applying for financial aid. A computer program that estimates financial aid eligibility is also available. For more information, call 391-4033 or stop by the EPC at 8010 West Dodge Road.

## Rotaract Club

Students interested in the Omaha Rotaract Club should attend a meeting in the Epley Administration Building Feb. 10 at noon.

## Free health information

Computerized health risk appraisals and diet analyses are available at no cost through Campus Recreation. For more information, contact Health Promotion Services at 554-3222.

## Death stars and ethics

United Christian Ministries in Education, in cooperation with Nebraskans for Peace, will sponsor two speakers at UNO this month. Robert Bowman, president of the Institute for Space and Security Studies, will speak on "Star Wars: Defense or Death Star?" at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 16 in the Gallery Room of the Student Center. Nebraska Attorney General Robert Spire will speak on "Ethics and Public Service" at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

## ROTC scholarships

Two- and three-year scholarships are available to Army ROTC students who meet the following requirements: A minimum 2.5 GPA; At least 18 on the ACT; Good physical condition. Younger than 25 June 30 upon graduation and receive officers' commissions (some age extensions are available for veterans).

Deadlines are Feb. 18 for the two-year scholarships and March 24 for the three-year scholarships. Contact Army ROTC at 554-3406 for more information.

## Journalism contest

The Society of Professional Journalists/Sigma Delta Chi is sponsoring a contest for undergraduate journalism and broadcasting majors. One award will be presented in each of the following categories: Newspaper stories, broadcast news, business and specialized publications, advertising and public relations and photojournalism.

To qualify, entries must have been published or aired during 1987. The deadline for entries is March 1. For a complete listing of rules, contact the communication department, 554-2520. Winners will be honored at the 33rd Annual Communication Awards Luncheon in May.

## Correction

In the story "Health Services usage up; more assistance needed," in the Feb. 2 edition of the Gateway, it was incorrectly reported that Health Services sees 20 to 30 students and faculty a week. It should have read 20 or 30 students and faculty a day. Later in the story, it was reported that a full-time nurse is employed in Health Services in addition to Ruth Hanon. Hanon is the only full-time nurse employed. In a related story in the same issue, "Condom sales still slow," Vice Chancellor of Educational and Student Services Rich Hoover was incorrectly identified as the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. The Gateway regrets the errors.

## Minorities from page 1

Right now, the best known role model is former Olympic gold-medal winner Billy Mills, Dameron said.

"I would love for him to come to campus and speak," she said. "It would involve the entire community and get the younger kids interested in succeeding."

Dameron and Houston are trying to improve on the low number of Indian students at UNO.

"We'll be going to Macy (Neb.) for a conference later this month and will try to recruit students there," Houston said.

Education of the culture is also important in helping Indians adjust to a new environment, Dameron said.

"A lot of Indian youths are embarrassed to admit they are Indians," she said.

It relates to society's teachings about Indians, she said.

"A lot of what people think about Indians comes from old John Wayne movies and history

books," she said.

"We must instill the pride and history of our people in those youths so they will be proud to say that they are Indian," Dameron said.

One way she does that is by educating youths on certain tribal customs, such as dancing.

"I bring my squaw dress to classes," Dameron said. She is a minority student intern in the Omaha Public School district.

"I tell students the meanings behind the dress and the dances," she said. "I also show them that I wear the dress during ceremonies and dress like everyone else the rest of the time."

"I tell them that you can be like everyone else and still be proud to be an Indian."

Dameron's success as APU president has resulted in a promotion to acting director of UMS. The former director, John Pitts, resigned Feb. 1 for personal reasons.

## Masters program proposed

About 200 UNO students could be affected by the proposed addition of a master of arts degree program in gerontology this spring.

Presently, certificates in gerontology may be earned at the graduate and undergraduate level, according to James Thorson, chairperson of the UNO gerontology program. A certificate may be used towards a minor. A major and a master's degree in gerontology are not offered.

The Board of Regents will discuss the proposal at its March meeting.

Thorson said the gerontology department is the largest of its kind in the Midwest despite the fact that is is not a big program when compared to others in the university.

Thorson called UNO's gerontology program "research oriented."

Many students enrolled in gerontology courses are majoring in social work or working on graduate-level gerontology fields, he said. Graduate students usually apply these

gerontology credits toward other related fields, such as social work, Thorson said.

The program was recently joined with other universities from a four-state region to support rural colleges and universities in the development of undergraduate programs in gerontology.

The program also has ties with the Medical Center's geriatric department. UNO will continue to share information with institutions around the state, he said.

Thorson said 220 universities in the United States have a gerontology program, but only about 30 offer a master of arts degree.

The University of Nebraska system would benefit with the addition of a masters degree program in gerontology, Thorson said.

Thorson cited the high elderly population in Nebraska for student interest in gerontology.



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**Plaza Theatre - Peony Park**

There will be an informational meeting on Sun., Feb. 14 at the International School of Modeling at 1:30 p.m. All interested applicants are encouraged to attend.

**For more information contact Cheryl Boe at 330-3326 or Marianne Grubaugh at 496-9085.**





Guy Rudloff, a UNO graduate, grabs the microphone mid-auction to tout his virtues, "Are there any of you ladies I haven't met?"

## 'Gent' from page 1

to change his date package mid-auction, when he discovered the packages were read aloud on stage. Originally offering dinner and a cinema, Kyle changed his date to "negotiable," which seemed to spark more interest.

"One lady said, 'Japan,' and another said, 'Australia.' I said, 'You're on,' but she didn't bid on me," Kyle said ruefully.

Kyle eventually went for \$125, and wasn't sure how his date would turn out.

"I don't know, I've never dated a blonde before. She should be fun," said Kyle.

Another of the more modestly priced bachelors, UNO student Joe Kerrigan, described his date package as being for the "adventurous type," which attracted his rental date, Carol Kenkel, who bid \$175 for the adventure.

"I loved his smile, he had cute dimples and adventurous sounds very exciting to me," said Kenkel.

Since Kerrigan left for work immediately after being bid upon, details for the adventure had yet to be agreed upon.

Mystery played a role in the date package of yet another bachelor, former UNO student Guy Rudloff. Rudloff's hobbies and interests include "social decadence, snuggling and developing phenomenally successful stock portfolios."

He was looking for a woman with good peripheral vision who was bilingual and willing to refill her own ice trays. Squeamish or indecisive types need not apply.

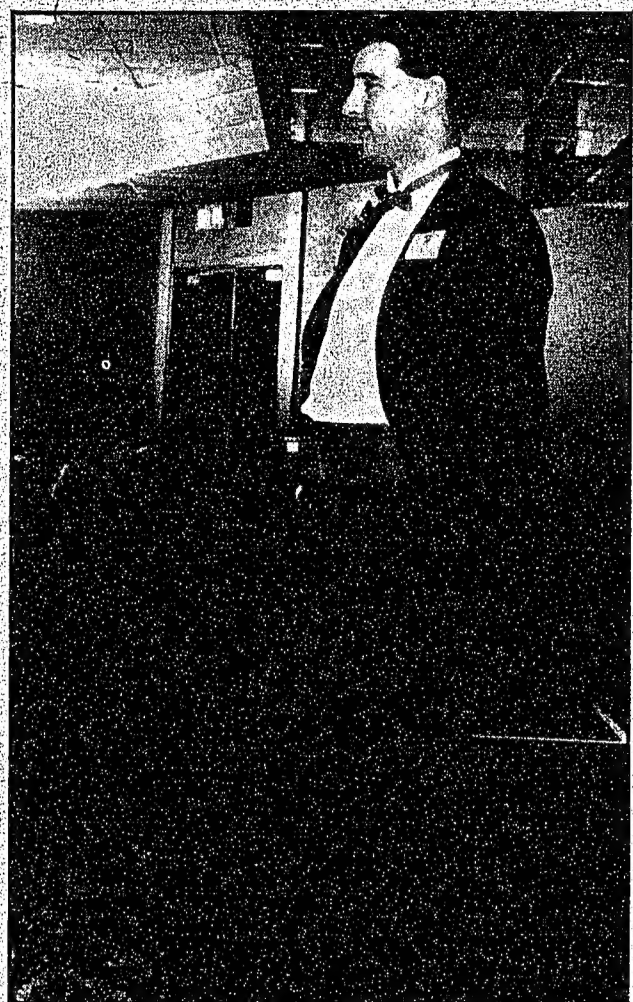
"I'm ready to party with just about anyone," said Rudloff, who appeared on stage clad in a bathrobe and wore his tuxedo sans shoes. He refused to say what his date package included, noting, "Mystery's important in a relationship." He did say that the date would be "exciting, spontaneous, tax-deductible and moral or legal restrictions need not apply."

Rudloff's date said it was not mystery that made her bid \$250 for him, but the fact that he wore no shoes. Rudloff disagreed.

"I think it was just pity, in general," he said.

When asked what brought him to the auction block, Rudloff said, "because I'm a tramp."

Whatever the motivation, the bachelors brought in a lot of money for a good cause. This year's auction brought in more than \$20,000 for the MS society, compared to approximately \$14,000 from last year's auction, according to one MS volunteer.



Joe Alexander, a former UNO student, snared \$275 with his offer of an "intimate dinner for two."

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## Canoe the Current Outdoor Venture Center offering trips to cruise blues of Midwest

By LISA JULE NICHOLLS  
Staff Reporter

If the prospect of spending spring break in Omaha is killing off your brain cells already, the UNO Outdoor Venture Center (OVC) suggests trying something different.

OVC is offering spring break opportunities that are inexpensive and close to home, to boot.

A canoe trip to Current River, Mo., will take place March 22 to 27. This is the first year this trip has been available from OVC.

"Generally, we keep with the old reliables. Occasionally, we'll go out and expand to new ones. River trips are generally some of the more popular activities," said Steve Guthrie, assistant coordinator of Campus Recreation.

The cost of the Current River trip is \$82 for UNO students, staff and faculty and \$107 for the general public (these are early registration

prices — they will increase). The fee covers canoe rental, camping fees, equipment, instruction and shuttle costs to various canoeing sites but does not include food, said Tina Naylor, intern for the OVC.

There will be an additional transportation cost which has not been determined.

During the trip, participants will set up a base camp with tents and shuttle to different areas daily.

"It (the Current River) is considered by some to be the best canoeing river in the U.S. It'll be a great trip," Guthrie said.

With adequate preparation, beginners as well as experienced canoeists can safely enjoy the trip, he said.

"A lot of people don't realize we have trips beginners can go on. We provide instruction, and we supply equipment."

Instruction for the Current River trip will be offered in a pre-trip meeting Monday, March

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"The pre-trip meetings are highly suggested. They're designed to fully prepare those going," said Naylor.

A backpacking trip to the Grand Canyon in Arizona is scheduled March 19 to 26, but due to the trip's popularity in past years, it is already booked and has a waiting list, said Naylor.

In addition to the upcoming spring break trips, OVC has other excursions planned for the rest of the semester.

March 19, a canoeing workshop will be held on the Platte River to serve as a conditioning activity for those planning on the Current River trip.

Rock climbing in Palaside State Park, S.D., will be the OVC-sponsored activity for April 16 and 17. There will also be a backpacking trip

April 23 and 24 at a not yet determined location.

May 7, a canoeing workshop will be held at Standing Bear Lake (outside of Omaha) and on May 14 and 15, a canoeing trip is set for the Dismal River in central Nebraska.

A white water rafting and canoeing trip will be held in conjunction with Iowa State University May 22 to 27. This trip will conclude OVC trips for the spring semester.

In addition to sponsoring trips, the Outdoor Venture Center has a resource room available to UNO students, faculty, staff and the general public. The center rents equipment plus has maps, handouts and mail order catalogs on hand.

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## 'Roaches'

### UNO 'should be bursting with pride because of it'

If we have ever doubted the magnitude of talent available at UNO, one evening at the University Theater last week suspended all disbelief.

"Roaches," a play by dramatic arts senior De Moreland, was given its premiere performance last Wednesday night, and the whole of the College of Fine Arts (if not the campus) should be bursting with pride because of it.

Moreland's script was directed by dramatic arts graduate student Brent Noel. The last we'd heard from Noel was a brief run in December of the controversial play "Extremities," which deals with the realities of rape. Noel seems to have an affinity for this theme: "Roaches" includes — among others — teenage prostitution, homosexual gang rape, substance abuse, suicide and a brief mention of AIDS.

Moreland handles these themes adroitly, avoiding pontification. In the press release quotations, Moreland tells us the play is based on people she knows. Moreland was daring to draw on her own experience growing up in New Orleans (where the play takes place), we can only guess at what life might have been for her had she not turned her energy toward writing.

The award for Best Actress in a Supporting Role Who Steals the Show goes to Johnnie Barfield, a sophomore in the Creative Writing Program. Barfield played Clorretta, the madam of a storefront massage parlor. We are introduced to her in Act II which showcases Moreland's ear for dialogue.

Barfield, as the feisty Clorretta, delivered her lines with a clean, rapid-fire cadence. And just when we're about to think this is another television sitcom episode of fast laughs for fast lines, Moreland writes us down the road of real drama, showing us the fragile side of Clorretta when she is threatened with her own revolver in the hands of one of the regular customers. Kudos to Barfield for playing her part honestly and without calculated sentimentality.

Also in Act II, Moreland gives us some sturdy building blocks for the overall structure of the play. This is best described in the verbal intercourse between Blondie/Fruitloop and her john, "Needle Dick," who says he came this time just to talk, not to have sex. Through this scene we come to understand the selfish solitude of these people's lives.

Dick, one of the main characters, was played by Writers Workshop Professor Richard Duggin. Anyone who ventured out last summer to "Shakespeare on the Green" will remember Duggin's acting debut as Baptista in "Taming of the Shrew." Duggin is coming along well as an actor as was evidenced by his performance in "Roaches." His character, called "Needle Dick" by

the massage parlor ladies, is a sometimes reformed alcoholic who, at the action of the play, is celebrating his 20-year anniversary of escaping from the Jesuit seminary.

In this scene with Fruitloop, Dick reads tidbits of doggerel from his journal. In his self-serving rambling about his miserable life among the Jesuits (a vocation his mother elected for him), Dick asks Fruitloop, "Do you know how it is to live a life someone chooses for you?"

Fruitloop replies with a vacuous shrug. She doesn't care. She just wants to get her job done and go home. It has already been established early in this scene that Fruitloop can't remember having been anything other than a prostitute. We are reminded of a recent case in the Florida courts in which a woman was charged as an accessory to the suicide of her teenage daughter whom she had forced to work as a nude dancer since 8 years of age.

## Judith Bieker

### State of the Arts

It's plain to the most casual observer that Fruitloop is still very young. She has a round, cherubic face, and costumer designer Bob Donlan (also a dramatic arts undergraduate) underscores her youth by dressing her in an oversized T-shirt and a pale calico skirt.

UNO junior Rebecca Ratzlaff, in the role of Fruitloop, gets the award for Best Actress in a Role with Almost No Dialogue. Ratzlaff stumbled on and off the set with artful somnambulism, proving that good acting doesn't rely on the spoken word.

Unfortunately, there aren't many glowing words for Mari Z. Jordan's performance in the leading role of Delores. We last heard of Jordan when she played the supporting role of a social worker in Director Noel's "Extremities" last December. She isn't much better in a lead part.

While it is pure conjecture, it is probably safe to speculate, since the name "Delores" is exceptionally akin to the elliptical form "De," that Jordan was in the role of the playwright and therefore her character was interpreting the events from the author's point of view. Jordan's character gets all of the best lines about life and death and addictions: "Only the dead and the dying remain here," and "The first thing I think when I wake up is how I'm gonna knock myself out again."

The tragedy is that Jordan delivers these lines with all the

vitality of a typewriter printing one letter at a time. It may be argued that this was the role of one with empty philosophies, but Jordan's choice to play the part dispassionately appeared to have worked against all of her all-too-obvious effort to deliver such loaded lines.

Frankly, it's hard to believe, given the indisputable substance of this play, that Moreland would write her own persona with such a detached disposition. With the exception of the final few moments of the play, when Delores releases her rage on her live-in boyfriend Alvaro and then makes amends with a mothering tone, Jordan played her part as though she were running away from it.

Kevin Barratt, also a Nebraska Shakespeare Festival alumnus, did well in the role of Alvaro, a heroin addict still suffering from the memory of having been gang-raped in his youth. It's too bad that this "victim" role didn't prove much of a part for Barratt, a graduate student in dramatic arts. He was believable, though, in the throes of a "fix," and that's as much as anyone can ask.

The same can be said for Susan M. Phillips, who had a bit part as Sophie, one of the prostitutes at the massage parlor. Phillips' character had an engaging verbal exchange with Clorretta; unfortunately, the only thing she could really do with the part is prove her ability to steal pralines.

The set design was by costumer Bob Donlan and is noteworthy for the way it assisted the play.

Donlan's sets were tilted and askew, metaphoric of the lives of its characters. Donlan also built crucifixes into the structure of the buildings; in the exposed beams of the apartment building and most obviously in the stained glass door of the apartment's bathroom. While these were symbolic of the martyred existence of the characters, they also signified the "crossed" (conflicting) lives of the characters: Delores, for instance, hates Alvaro's heroin addiction, but she smokes marijuana herself; and in the third act she brings disposable needles to Alvaro with the implied message, "I don't want you to die of AIDS from dirty needles, so I brought some clean ones for you to kill yourself with."

"Roaches" is UNO's entry for the 1988-89 regional conference of the American College Theatre Festival (ACTF) scheduled for a year from now. At that time, the play and its cast have the chance of being chosen to represent our Region (and our university) with up to six other entries in the spring 1989 national ACTF convention held at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

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# Sports

## UNO drops 2; road futility hits 9 in a row

By ERIC LINDWALL  
Senior Sports Reporter

UNO came up empty in its search for a road win in South Dakota last weekend.

The Mavs have dropped nine straight road games and faced the top two teams in the conference in Augustana and South Dakota State.

Could this be considered UNO's toughest road trip of the year?

"They're all tough," said UNO Coach Bob Hanson, who received his first technical foul of the year at South Dakota State.

The Mavs lost 88-77 Saturday to Augustana and dropped a 66-60 decision to South Dakota State Sunday night. The Mavs fell to 10-11 overall, 3-8 in the North Central Conference.

The Mavs, who had already fallen to No. 16 Augustana twice this season, made the trip without team co-captain Tom Thompson, who is still recovering from an injured wrist.

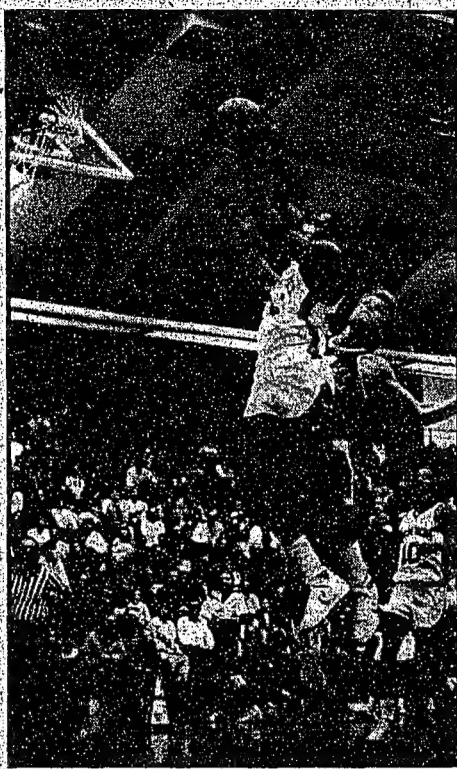
UNO trailed most of the first half thanks to 50-percent three-point shooting by the Vikings. UNO cut the margin to 31-29 at the half.

"You shoot 55 percent and only have 11 turnovers, you think you have a pretty good chance to win the ballgame," Hanson said.

In the second half, the Mavs closed the gap to three points with 13 minutes to go and pulled within eight points with five minutes left.

"We had some turnovers, and they hit two three-pointers that just killed us," Hanson said.

UNO trailed South Dakota State by eight



Akiohshi-Kizaki  
UNO's Kevin Avery drives for a shot against South Dakota State.

points at halftime despite shooting just 27.5 percent from the field. UNO tied the score in the second half and eventually grabbed the lead with less than five minutes to go.

Hanson's first technical foul of the year came after UNO was called for its eighth foul of the half to SDSU's one.

"We were getting hammered," Hanson said. "But it did some good."

UNO returns home this weekend for games against St. Cloud State and Mankato State.

## Lady Mavs miss sweep

By KEITH FAUR  
Staff Reporter

The traveling Lady Mavs came to a fork in the road this weekend and took the winning road Saturday and the losing road Sunday.

UNO earned its first conference road win Saturday night, beating Augustana 83-72, but lost to South Dakota State 69-61 Sunday.

The Lady Mavs moved their record to 11-9

"It was just a great win. I'm really proud of them."

— Cherri Mankenberg

overall, 3-6 in the North Central Conference.

Saturday, UNO went with its bread-and-butter offense, getting the ball down low to the big people in the middle after falling behind early.

With less than three minutes remaining in the first half, the Vikings were up 39-29 and the game looked like a replay of the first game between the two. The Lady Mavs dropped their first game with Augustana, 70-64, at home Jan. 8.

But the second half was a different story.

UNO jumped ahead 54-43 behind the All-American Laura J. Anderson, Carol Wink and Kathy Van Diepen's dominant inside play.

"It was just a great win," UNO Coach Cherri Mankenberg said. "I'm really proud of them."

Anderson led the Lady Mavs with 20 points and eight rebounds, Wink hit 19 points off the bench and Van Diepen added 17.

"Everybody's real excited," Wink said. "I think now we know we can beat anybody in the conference. This gives us a lot of confidence."

UNO forced 27 turnovers while committing only 11.

Guard Jill Dau had 11 points and seven assists, and along with Jena Janovy, handled the ball well for the Lady Mavs.

"It was just a great team effort," Mankenberg said. "What a nice revenge match — to get them back on their floor."

SDSU could say the same about revenge.

UNO buried the Lady Jackrabbits 90-51 in the Field House Jan. 9. It still is SDSU's only NCC loss.

The game was tied at the half, 35-35, and the teams exchanged baskets until five minutes remained. SDSU scored eight unanswered points and with 1:09 left to play, led 64-51.

The Lady Mavs were forced to foul and shoot from the three-point line.

UNO's Dau was 4 for 4 from three-point range and had 13 of the last 17 Lady Mavs' points.

SDSU clinched the win by sinking 10 of 11 free throws in the final minute, and 17 of 25 for the game. SDSU also outrebounded UNO 48-30.

Five-foot-9 Deb Van Klei grabbed 12 for the Jackrabbits while Lori Fish snatched 10.

The Lady Mavs were led by Dau with 24 points and Anderson with 10.

Van Diepen and Wendy Millard each grabbed five rebounds for UNO.

The Lady Mavs will play host to St. Cloud State Friday and Mankato State Saturday.

## Title goal drives 'hungry' Nebe

By STEVE COZAD  
Staff Reporter

Winning it all.

That is the only goal to elude UNO's record-breaking, three-time All-American wrestler R.J. Nebe.

"I'm hungry, real hungry," Nebe said.

Nebe has just three meets left in his outstanding career. The 177-pounder will compete in the North Central Conference Tournament Feb. 21, and the NCAA Division II meet March 4-5. Both tournaments will be held at the UNO Fieldhouse.

Nebe takes aim at a Division I national title March 17-19 in Ames, Iowa.

"I'd like to go out on a winning note, and this is my last chance to do that," Nebe said.

Nebe has set a team goal of winning the Division II national championship and a personal one of earning Division I All-America honors. The Mavs, 14-2, are currently ranked No. 2 behind archrival North Dakota State. The Bison are the only Division II foe to defeat UNO this year.

"The championship has eluded me all through high school and college, so I figure I'm due," Nebe said.

Nebe placed third at the Nebraska state high school tournament as a Millard North

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# UNO rips 3 foes after NU defeat

By STEVE COZAD  
Staff Reporter

UNO bounced back from its 10th straight loss to Nebraska-Lincoln Friday by manhandling three opponents Saturday.

The Mavs, 14-2 and ranked No. 2 in Division II, defeated Mankato State 31-9; Kearney State 45-0 and Central Missouri State 40-6.

One day earlier, the Division I Cornhuskers downed the Mavs, 27-11.

UNO All-American 177-pounder R.J. Nebe was the only Mav to win all four of his weekend matches. Nebe decisoned his NU foe and

pinned one opponent and won by technical fall in the other two Saturday.

"I'm really geared up now," Nebe said. "I'm ready for the conference tournament today." UNO will play host to the North Central Conference tournament Feb. 21 in the Field House.

Nebe, Brian Thomas, 134, and Dave Pippin, 190, were the only winners on the mat against the No. 18 Division I Huskers. Jeff Randall, 167, drew with Scott Chenoweth, 2-2.

UNO heavyweight Clark Schnepel rebounded from a Friday defeat to pin three opponents Saturday.

Nebe said Schnepel's success was ignited by

his loss Friday by pin in just 1:13.

"In the heavyweight class, one wrong move and it's over," Nebe said. "It's the big splash."

Maverick All-American Brad Hildebrandt, 158, lost to NU's Jeff Colvet 7-5. Colvet defeated Northern Iowa All-American Keith Massey one week earlier.

Saturday in the quadrangular dual, the Mavericks suffered just three defeats and one forfeit in the three meets. Thomas forfeited one match because of back problems.

UNO has just one meet after the NCC tourney. The Mavs will play host to the Division II tournament March 4-5.

## Super Bowl is 'super bore'

The Super Bowl was a Super Bore, as usual. The Big Picker went 1-3 by my count, hardly a big deal. Where was Eric Lindwall's choice? I always look forward to his football analysis. This has to be the first Gateway in four or five years not to run his Super Bowl pick.

Pete Maschka,  
Former UNO student



UNO Coach Hanson says other teams have an advantage because nobody watches his basketball team at home. One way to ensure attendance coach. Win a few games.

William Kraft,  
UNO student

I think Bob Hanson has a valid point. UNO plays exciting basketball, yet no one comes to watch the games. There are just four home games left this year. Let's show the Mavs some support.

Al Frederick,  
UNO student

Editor's Note: Coach Hanson said other NCC teams have "some advantages we don't," in an apparent reference to the Mavs' poor home attendance. The Mavericks are averaging 1,524 fans per game, unofficially placing them last in attendance in the North Central Conference.

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## Nebe from Page 7

junior. His senior year he placed third again.

In 1985, after being passed up for a scholarship by Nebraska-Lincoln, Nebe placed third as a 190-pounder in the Division II nationals. It was a move the Huskers have grown to regret.

"I've never lost to a Husker wrestler," Nebe said. "I always wanted to wrestle in the Big Eight."

As a sophomore 190 pounder in 1986, Nebe again placed third at nationals.

Nebe moved down to 177 pounds in '87 to win the NCC tournament and place second at nationals.

This year, the senior is potentially the Mavericks first four-time Division II All-American.

"I think he'll be a Division I All-American this year," said UNO 167-pounder Jeff Randall, who himself is a Division II All-American.

Nebe, a co-captain along with Brad Hildebrandt for the '88 Mavericks, is currently ranked second in all divisions.

"He's a big leader who really provides for the team mentally," Randall said.

The reason Nebe has wrestled at two different weights since becoming a Maverick is an interesting one. He began his career at 190 and moved to 177 following his soph-

omore season to help Maverick recruiting.

"Coach was trying to get Dave Pippin from Waldorf Junior College, so I volunteered to cut weight," Nebe said. "I knew there would be no reason for him to come here and have two great wrestlers at the same weight."

Nebe's 141-29-4 mark is the all-time career record for victories at UNO. He broke the record, formerly held by UNO great Mark Manning, Dec. 12 at the Kearney State Open.

UNO Coach Mike Denney said Nebe's work habits have supported his goal of winning the national championship.

"He's always been a hard worker," Denney said. "He pushed it up a notch this year."

Nebe plans to quit wrestling after collecting his degree in criminal justice. Nebe, who is engaged to Omaha Burke graduate Mary Douda, plans to work for the federal government as a postal inspector or FBI agent.

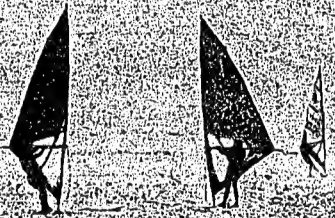
No matter how his quest for a national title turns out, Nebe will retire from the mat after this year.

"It's time to move on to different things," Nebe said. "But I'll never forget or regret the time I spent at UNO."



R.J. Nebe, right, has never lost to a Nebraska-Lincoln wrestler after being bypassed for a scholarship.

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